

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. **An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312.** To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Janet Hood on June 22, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 22, line 1, "The method according to claim **20**, ..." has been replaced with "The method according to claim **21**"
- Claim 33 is cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 18, 19, 21, 22- 25, 27- 30, 32, and 34 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
Independent claims 18 and 34 are allowable over the prior art since none of the prior art taken individually or in combination fails to particularly disclose, fairly suggest, or render obvious as argued by the applicant which the examiner considers persuasive as set forth above.

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3. Any comment considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JESSICA CLIFTON whose telephone number is (571)270-7156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patel, Jay can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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